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Prall et al.

Serial No.: 09/832,272

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For: INTEGRATED CIRCUIT HAVING
SELF-ALIGNED CVD-TUNGSTEN/
TITANIUM CONTACT PLUGS STRAPPED
WITH METAL INTERCONNECT AND
METHOD OF MANUFACTURE

Examiner: M. Warren

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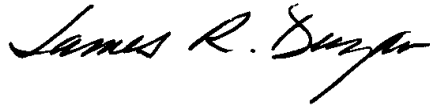
U.S. Patent Documents

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